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III - MARINE POLLUTION - MEETINGS 8, 9, 10 AUGUST

1. CHAIRMAN TRIED BUT FAILED IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS TO GET STATES WITH SIMILAR TEXTS ON ENFORCEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE THEM. THUS, LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN DG ON METHOD TO MERELY GROUP TEXTS ON ENFORCEMENT AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED FOR FORWARDING TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND ULTIMATELY TO CONFERENCE. NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON GROUPINGS. CANADA FAVORED GROUPING OF ZONAL AND NON-ZONAL APPROACHES. SOVIETS, CANADA, ICELAND, MEXICO, TANZANIA SUGGESTED SKIPPING SUBJECT, RELY ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY STATES AND GO ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS, E.G. INTERVENTION.

2. USSR SPOKE AT LENGTH MORE THAN ONCE IN OPPOSITION TO INCLUDING ANY PROVISIONS ON COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT. THRUST OF ARGUMENT WAS THAT SUCH PROVISIONS WERE UNNECESSARY. STRONGLY UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSED FORWARDING GROUPING OF TEXTS ON COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT

BEYOND WG.

3. BRAZIL OPPOSED INCLUSION OF DETAILED PROVISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT AND WILL SUBMIT GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON SUBJECT.

4. US REP STATED SUPPORT FOR WORKING ON SUBJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURE. IT DID NOT SEEM TO BE SATISFACTORY TO MERELY FORWARD ORIGINAL TEXTS TO CONFERENCE. REP FAVORED GROUPING OF ALTERNATIVE TEXTS BY COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT, GENERAL ENFORCEMENT (FLAG STATE, PORT STATE), AND INTERVENTION. NORWAY, GREECE, UK GENERALLY AGREED.

5. KENYA SPECIFICALLY OPPOSED CANADA AND FAVORED SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF ENFORCEMENT EVEN IF CANNOT REACH AGREEMENT. LATER SAID MATTER SHOULD BE DEFERRED. JAPAN SUGGESTED THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION MIGHT LEAD TO AGREEMENT ON GROUPINGS.

6. NETHERLANDS SUBMITTED ARTICLES ON ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCHARGE AND DUMPING STANDARDS MAY BE ENFORCED BY ANY CONTRACTING PARTY.

7. MEETINGS ADJOURNED WITH NO RESOLUTION OF PROCEDURAL IMPASSE.

8. AT PREVIOUS MEETING DG PROVISIONALLY AGREED UPON DRAFT ALTERNATIVE TEXTS ON COMPETENCE OF COASTAL STATES TO SET POLLUTION STANDARDS AND ALTERNATIVE TEXTS DEALING WITH STANDARDS FOR LAND BASED, SEABED SOURCES OF POLLUTION, AND VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION. BASSIN

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